



Our Mission

The mission of Virginia Supportive Housing is to provide permanent housing and comprehensive support services for individuals and families who are homeless or who have special needs in order to promote their transition from homelessness to independence and productivity

Virginia Supportive Housing has
been working since 1988 to
revitalize communities while
ending the cycle of homelessness

NEW CLAY HOUSE

- Virginia's first SRO
- Opened in 1992 in Richmond's Historic Carver Neighborhood
- Served over 190 single adults since 1992
- Houses 47 previously homeless single adults
- Residents pay 30% of their income



SOUTH RICHMOND SRO

- Opened in 1996
- Houses 39 single adults
- Residents pay 30% of income
- Former hotel attracting crime
- Now a vital part of Hull Street corridor



SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

- Bliley Manor & Stratford House
- 2 guesthouses for 8 single adults with HIV/AIDS in each house
- Congregate living
- Partnership with VCU Health System
- Residents pay 30% of income



FIND I

Families In Neighborhoods Developing



- 4 Unit Apartment building
- Purchased with a variety of funding sources
- Located in Southern Barton Heights
- Designated by City of Richmond as Neighborhood In Bloom

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- Opened in 2000
- Received “2000 Housing Achievement Award” from VDHCD
- Affordable housing for families graduating from transitional housing programs

FIND II

- Four additional affordable apartments for families graduating from transitional housing programs
- Referring agency provides up to two years of support services
- \$350,000 project in Richmond's Highland Park Neighborhood



FIND II

Opened On December 19, 2002



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Disabled Families In Neighborhoods Developing

- There is a great need for accessible housing in the Richmond area
- Project is being developed in partnership with Better Housing Coalition.

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Independence House

Housing for single adults with traumatic brain/spinal cord injury



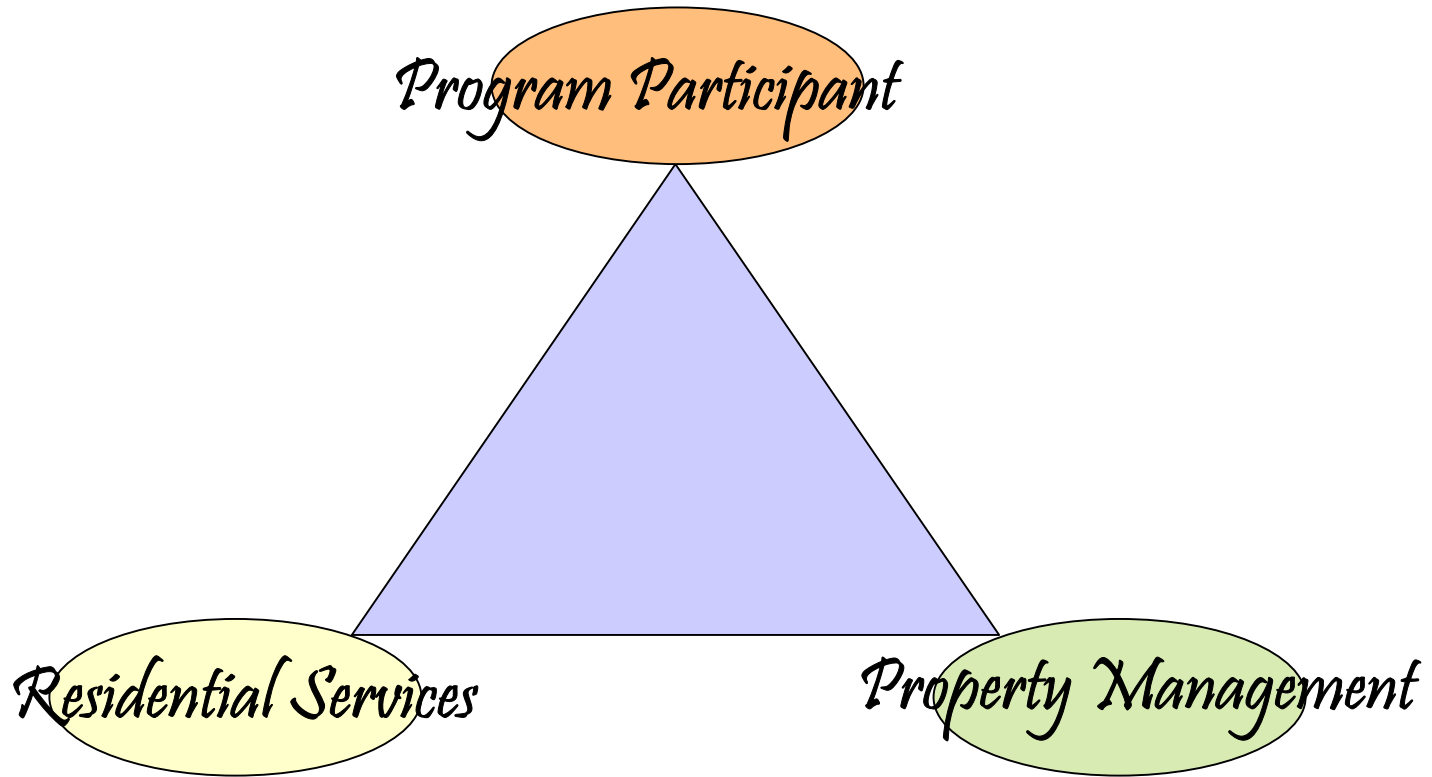
HOMEOWNERSHIP

- Pairs families with sponsors(faith community, business, civic organization)
- Up to a 5 year commitment
- Mentoring in life skills, budgeting, etc...
- Strengthens families
- Leads to homeownership



BLENDING MANAGEMENT

Property Management & Support Services working
together to empower residents to maintain their
housing



Screening Applicants

Property Management + Supportive Services

- Criminal Background Check
- No Illegal Substances
- Capable of Living Independently
- Motivated Towards Self-Reliance

Support Services Are Key

- Help residents maintain housing
- Empower to become self-reliant
- Educational & Vocational training
- Obtain & maintain employment
- Access medical, mental health, and substance abuse services
- Entitlement programs
- Resident driven activities

Why are so few units available?

- Funding for support services is difficult to secure
- Substantial gap between development costs and the ability of tenants to pay
- Regulatory and other barriers

Limited Funding for Support Services

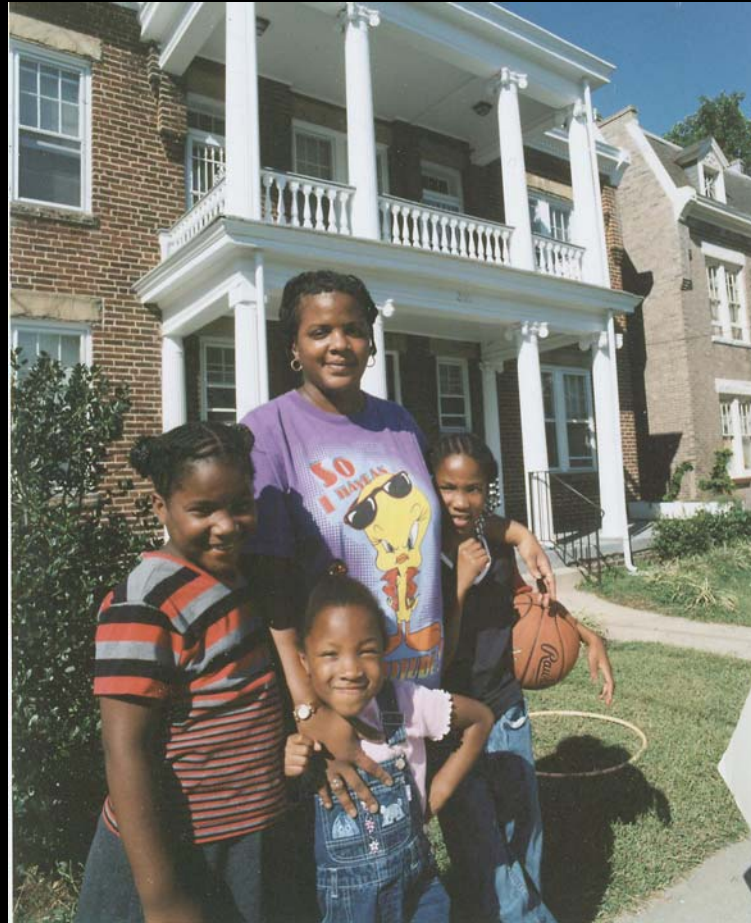
- Housing for low-income individuals and families does not generate sufficient income to fund supportive services from rental income.
- VSH works to fundraise and find partnering agencies that can provide services.

Gap Between the Cost of Housing & the Ability to Pay

- Availability of rent subsidies is limited
- Rents are rising faster than income
- Limited sources for gap financing to develop new units

Regulatory & Other Barriers

- Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY)
- Local Unwanted Land Use (LULU)
- No zoning for SRO's (Supportive Apartments)



Empowering People To Rise Above



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